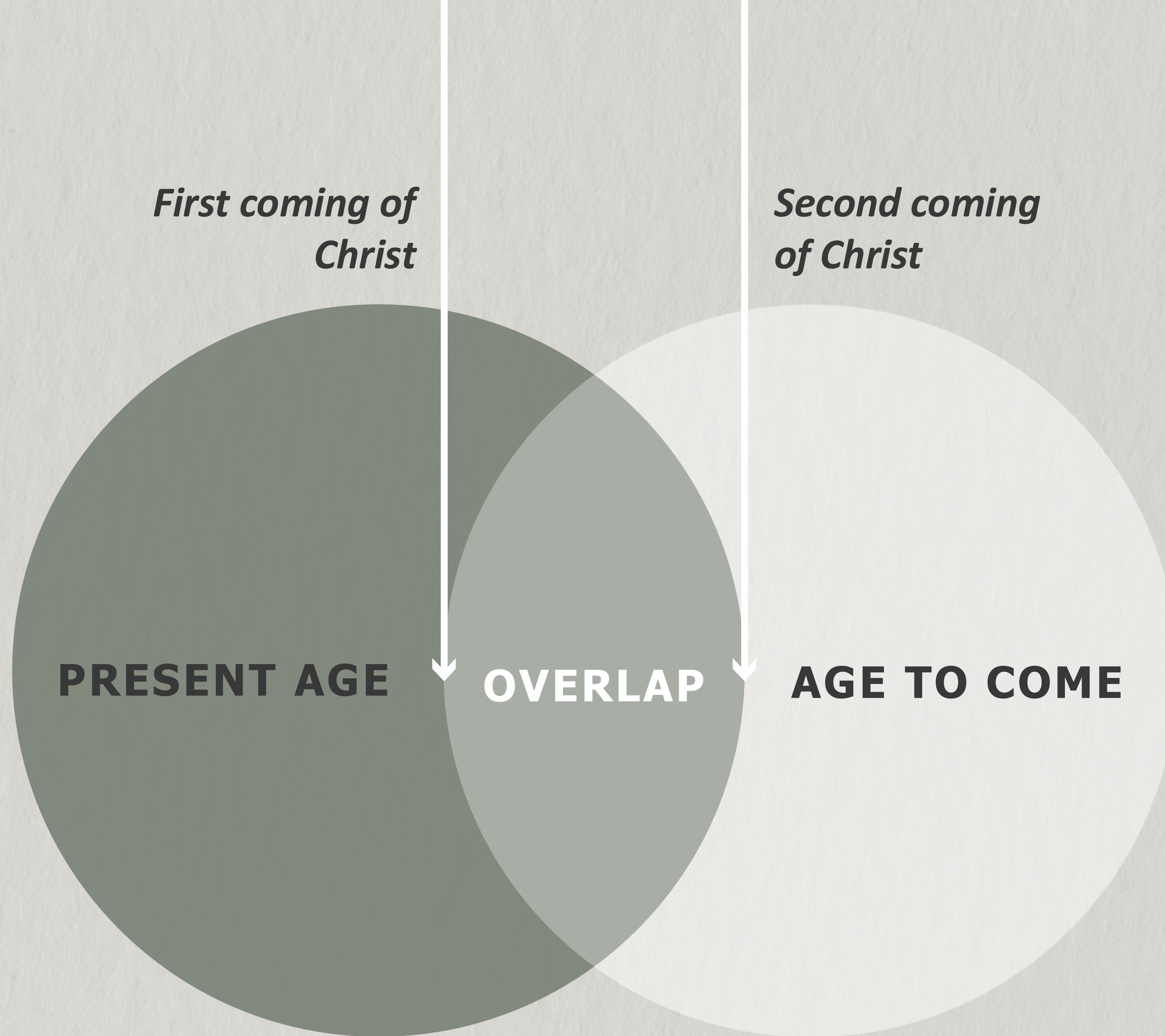


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## A STUDY OF Mark









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**Acts 1:6-8 niv**

Then they gathered around him and asked him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the  
kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the  
times or dates the Father has set by his own  
authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the  
Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my  
witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and  
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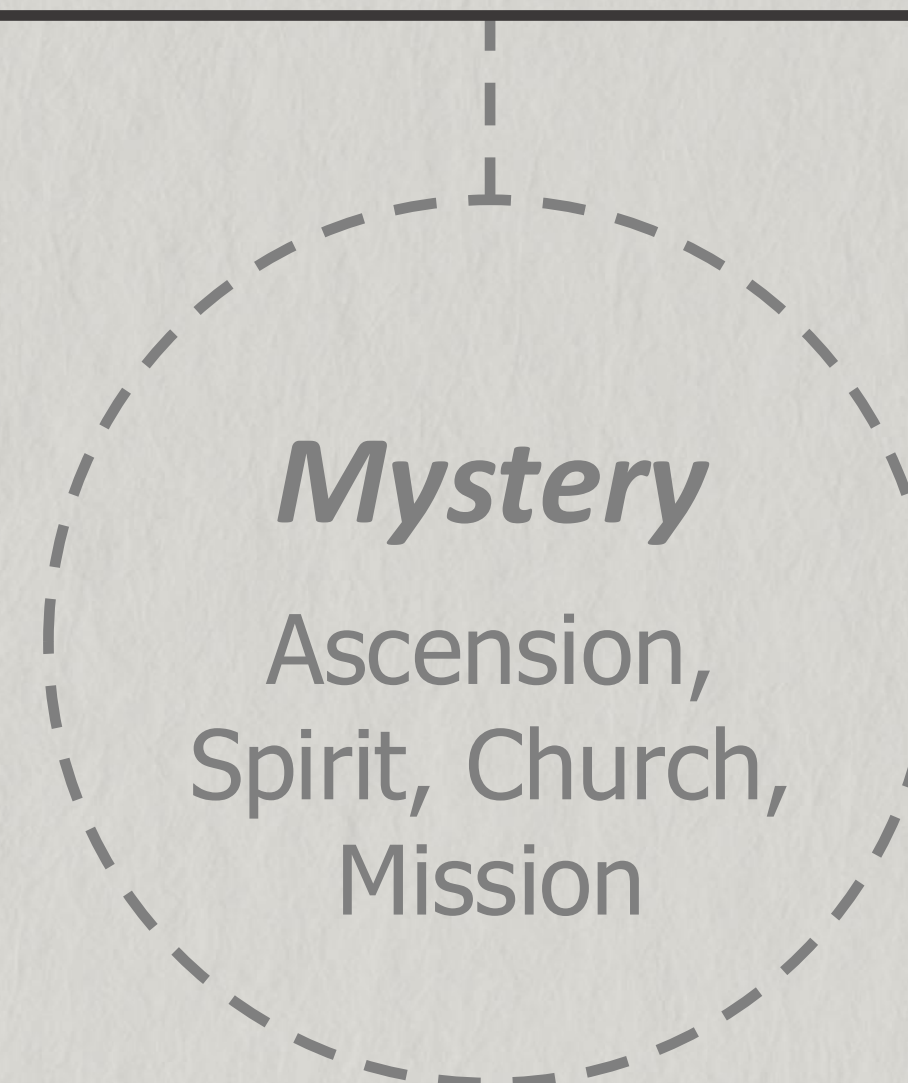
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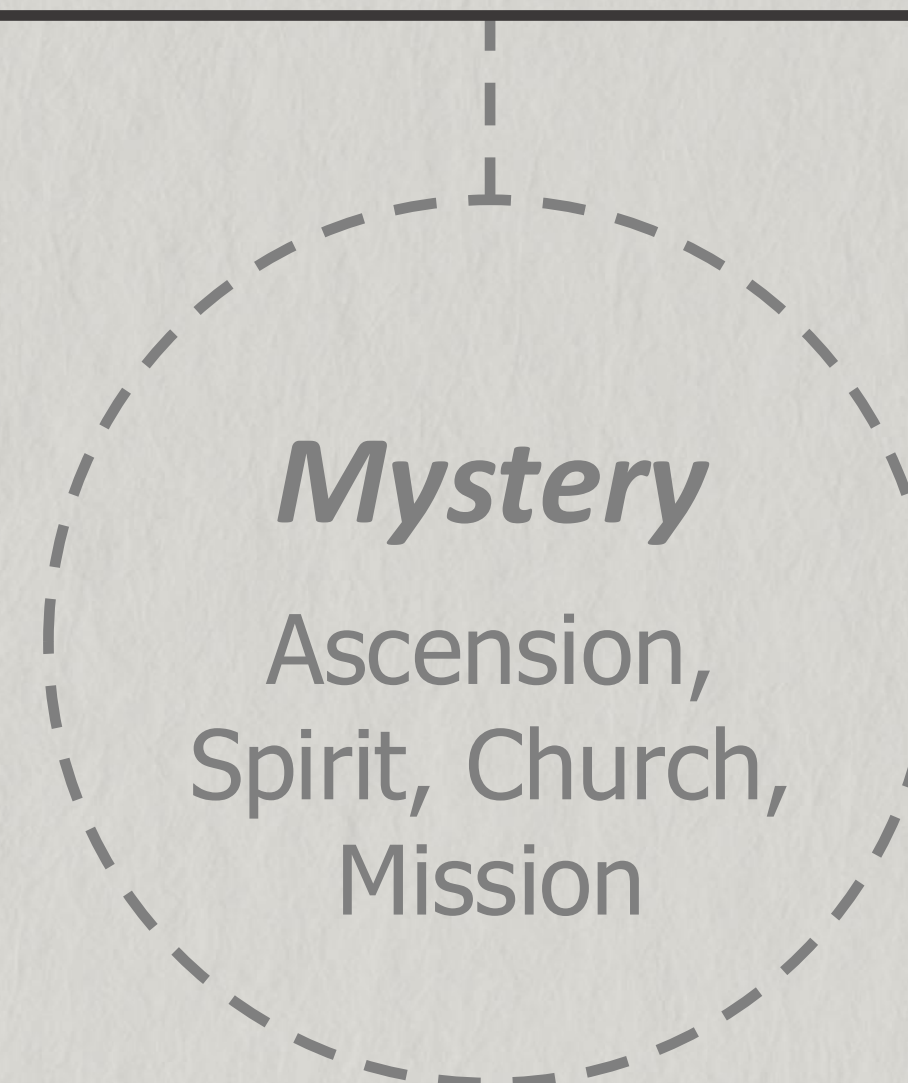
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**Mark 13:14-19 niv**

“When you see ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup> Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. <sup>16</sup> Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. <sup>17</sup> How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

<sup>18</sup> Pray that this will not take place in winter, <sup>19</sup> because those will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again.”







***‘the abomination that causes desolation’***

***something disgusting and defiling that brings  
destruction***





# Israel's History

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586 BC

Babylonian  
Captivity

332 BC

Greek  
Rule

63 BC

Roman  
Rule

Persian Rule

539 BC

Independence

167 BC





**Daniel 9:27 *niv***

“He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”





**Daniel 11:31 *niv***

“His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.”





**Daniel 12:11-12 *niv***

“From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.”





Now on the fifteenth day of Chislev, in the one hundred forty-fifth year, they erected a desolating sacrilege on the altar of burnt offering. They also built altars in the surrounding towns of Judah, <sup>55</sup> and offered incense at the doors of the houses and in the streets. <sup>56</sup> The books of the law that they found they tore to pieces and burned with fire.

- 1 Maccabees 1:54-56 NRSV





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**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 *niv***

Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. <sup>4</sup> He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.





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**Luke 21:20-22 *niv***

“When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.

<sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. <sup>22</sup> For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written.”





**Mark 13:20-23 *niv***

“If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. <sup>21</sup> At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>22</sup> For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>23</sup> So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.”





**Mark 13:24-25 *niv***

“But in those days, following that distress,  
“the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light;  
<sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky,  
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.””





**Mark 13:26-27 *niv***

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.  
<sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.”





**Mark 13:28-31 *niv***

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”





**Mark 13:32-34 *niv***

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.”





***“These things”  
within a generation.***

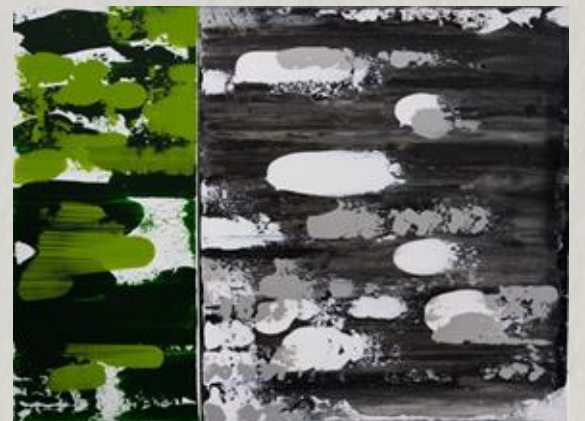
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**Mark 13:35-37 *niv***

“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”





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The premium of discipleship is placed not on predicting the future but on faithfulness in the present, especially in trials, adversity, and suffering.

- James Edwards, *The Gospel According to Mark*

